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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know whether the Government have satisfied themselves that these criminal cases arose out of these incidents which I have mentioned in clauses (a), (b) and (c)?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"With regard to the answer to clause (d), I have given the names of the places, viz, Tuticorin and Trichinopoly. May I know, Sir, from the Government the occasions and the causes for the police firing in those parts of the Province?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I have already given an answer in connexion with the collision that took place between a motor bus and an engine in Trichinopoly. In that connexion I dealt with this question. There are some cases before the courts. So, at present, it is not possible for Government to give a reply. As soon as these cases are disposed of, Government will consider the question of making a statement."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"I am asking specifically with regard to firing without magisterial orders in those places."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"He has already said that regarding collision it was answered by the Government."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"But regarding the other firing at Tuticorin—that was without any magisterial order at all—may I ask whether the Government have made or propose to make any enquiries into what was an unlawful act and the circumstances under which the police acted as they did?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"As I said, it is not possible for me to give any answer till the cases are disposed of."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Have the Government called for a report on this specific question as to the extraordinary reasons why the police resorted to firing without a magisterial order or do they propose to do so?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The suggestion will be considered if necessary."

Revision of the pay of constables in South Kanara in consonance with the cost of living.

*473 Q.—Mr A. B. SHETTY: With reference to the answer to my question No 146 answered on 5th September 1928 regarding the revision of the pay of constables in South Kanara, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the cost of living is less in South Kanara than in other districts where the constables are paid eight annas more; and

(b) if so, on what this information is based?

A.—(a) & (b) Statistics on which any reliable comparison of the cost of living in various districts may be based are not available.

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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" In view of the fact that higher officers get allowances such as overseas pay, house-rent allowance, Ootacamund allowance, etc., will the Government undertake to find out the cost of living in different districts, so that servants on low scales of pay may get enough to make a living ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
" The Government have considered the suggestion."

Central Record Office

Appointment of Mr. Vernon on special duty in the Madras Record Office.

* 474 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Vernon, I.C.S., was at any time appointed on special duty in the Madras Record Office ; if so, when and for what period ;

(*b*) whether the said Mr. Vernon has submitted any report on the working of the Record Office and the work that has yet to be done therein and whether the Government will lay a copy of the report on the table ;

(*c*) what action the Government has taken or propose to take on the report ; and

(*d*) if no report has been submitted the reasons why it was not submitted ?

A.—(*a*) Yes. From 10th January 1928 to 15th March 1928.

(*b*) Yes.

The Government do not propose to place the report on the table.

(*c*) The report is under the consideration of Government.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Civil Justice

Opening of an additional court at Mangalore.

* 475 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any, and if so, what report has been received from the High Court with reference to the congestion of work in the Sub-Court and District Court, Mangalore ; and

(*b*) whether Government propose to open an additional court to relieve the same, and if so, when ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question of appointing an additional Sub-Judge to the Sub-Court, Mangalore, is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" Considering that I brought this to the notice of the Government six months ago, will they expedite the matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The High Court sent its recommendation only very recently—in September—and the Government are considering the whole question with reference to financial and other aspects."